

Das Institut für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik der Universität Wien
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laden zu folgendem Vortrag mit anschließender Diskussion ein:

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Evangelical Communities in Armenia: Negotiating Identity and Accommodation

(with a PowerPoint presentation)

Armenian Evangelical traditional churches have almost two hundred years history which starts from the Ottoman period (since 1830s) and continues to date. After the collapse of Soviet Union in 1991 a number of modern Evangelical and Evangelical Baptist communities were formed all over Armenia with new approaches and practices.

During past two centuries the dynamic of identity self-definition of Armenian Evangelical churches, has been changing. Two popular tendencies relating to the foundation history and identity definition of Armenian Evangelical communities – the “ancientry” proving and “mythos-weaving” practice – has come to switch each other within the church historiography.

In this context identity issues of Armenian Evangelical churches are discussed from the angle of collective identity by defining *cultural markers* – ethnicity, language, customs, history, and *civic markers* – nationality, state, patriotism, state/national symbolism, as well as by separating the *solipsic*, *endotheric* and *exotheric* types of identities within Armenian Evangelical and Baptist communities.

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